

EXTRA.
2 O'CLOCK.
WIMAN UP FOR TRIAL.
This Specific Indictment Charges Him with a \$5,000 Forgery.
There Are Three Others Aggregating \$24,000.

George Murray, Hotel Manager, Chosen Foreman of the Jury.

The trial of Erastus Wiman, the "King of Staten Island," self-made man and reputed millionaire, on the charge of forgery, was called before Justice Ingraham, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, this morning.



ERASTUS WIMAN.

Assistant District Attorney Francis L. Wetmore, who will conduct the trial, appeared with Col. Fellows on the side of the prosecution.

There are four indictments against Mr. Wiman, each charging him with forgery, done in connection with the business of R. G. Dun & Co., the great commercial agency.

The specific charge on which he was called to trial to-day is that in February, 1893, he drew a check on the Chemical National Bank for \$5,000, purporting to be for payment on the account of R. W. Bullinger, publisher of a shipping board, and signing the firm name of R. G. Dun & Co.; that he forged the indorsement of R. W. Bullinger on the check, indorsed it himself, and deposited it to his own credit in the Chemical National Bank.

The other indictments charge other forgeries, to the aggregate of \$24,000. But the greatest charge against Erastus Wiman is that he systematically robbed R. G. Dun, his benefactor, for thirteen years. His parents, who were poor, were taken into the family of R. G. Dun, who was then a young man, and he remained with him for four years, his stealings amounting to \$25,000. Of this, \$10,000 was borrowed and the balance obtained, it is alleged, by fraud.

Mr. Wiman built up Staten Island. The rapid transit system there was his, and his name was honored and the man was loved by every citizen of Staten Island, many of whom have grown rich as the result of his vast scheme for improving the island and developing its resources.

His defense is that as a member of the firm of R. G. Dun & Co. he had a right to sign the firm's name to checks, but the prosecution claims that he was not a member of the firm, but was a general manager, on an agreement that he was to receive a salary equal to one-sixth of the profits, and that even if he was a partner to the extent of one-sixth, he went beyond that interest in these transactions.

This trouble came, upon him Mr. Wiman, after he had been nearly \$100,000. He has been on bail in \$25,000 since he was arrested, and he has a large family, dependent upon him for support.

The first business before Justice Ingraham was the selection of a jury to try the case.

The offense with which Erastus Wiman is charged is forgery in the second degree, and on conviction he may be consigned to Sing Sing prison for 10 years.

Two-second indictments charges that Mr. Wiman forged the signature of John H. Brown, Treasurer of the Campbell Printing Company, indorsed on an R. G. Dun & Co. check for \$2,500, on Jan. 20, 1892. The other two are for forging the indorsement of R. W. Bullinger on two checks aggregating \$10,000. Fitzgerald furnished paper to R. G. Dun & Co.

Mr. Wiman was born at Churchville, Ontario, Canada, near Toronto, April 18, 1845. His parents were farmers. He was educated in a country school and worked in the harvest fields for 30 cents a week. He worked four years as a type-setter in Toronto, and then came to New York City, where he became a reporter on the Toronto Globe. He became a general agent for R. G. Dun & Co. in 1870. In 1872 he became the Toronto agent of R. G. Dun & Co. Next year he came to New York and became the practical director of the concern.

His rise was very rapid, and his fall proportionately sudden and hard. He was a member of the Great Western Telegraph Company, of which he was President, and of the Western Union, becoming a director in the latter company.

In 1882 he became interested in Staten Island, invested in real estate, acquired a wide water front and dock control, built a large hotel, and a large number of fine lines and the old Clifton and Tottenville railways. He organized the Rapid Transit, and in a deal with Robert Garrett got the Baltimore and Ohio Railway to cross the Arthur Kills to St.

George, Two of the finest, ferry-boats are named "Erastus Wiman" and "Robert Garrett."

Mr. Wiman bought vast tracts and laid out a future town. One he called Erastia, after the late Erastus Brooks, Staten Island's leading citizen. He built another.

He founded the Canadian Club in New York, and was engaged in advancing a vast scheme of commercial union between the United States and Canada, but though he accumulated wealth and fame here, and lived in New York nearly thirty years, he never became a citizen, and is still subject to Queen Victoria.

His family consists of a wife, two sons and a daughter. Eight hundred guests partook of the hospitality of Mr. Wiman's Staten Island mansion on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter.

His friends claim that instead of being R. G. Dun's beneficiary and ward, R. G. Dun is indebted to his superior business capacity for his own phenomenal success. It is claimed that the mercantile agency was in the hands when Mr. Wiman was called from Canada, and that he put the business on its feet and bought it up so that it yielded a profit of \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year for Mr. Dun.

Although visibly affected by his position, Mr. Wiman was not so much cast down but that he laughed heartily and with apparent enjoyment at the salutes of counsel.

Mr. Hoffman, a tailor; Max Platt, clothier, and Henry W. Silberstein, an agent, were peremptorily challenged by Mr. Wiman's lawyers. Mr. Hoffman was found for bias before a foreman was called in the person of George Murray, manager of the Hotel Wellington and the Sherwood.

Mr. Murray said he was well acquainted with both Wiman and Dun, and would have to have proof of guilt before he could convict a man of Wiman's reputation and record, but he was sure he would convict if he had that proof. Mr. Wiman accepted him and he was sworn.

Henry B. Nathan, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Coal Company, 1 Broadway, and living at 23 West Eighty-second street, was accepted for the second seat in the jury-box.

Victor Hugo Mathushek, President of the Post, Mathushek & Son Company, piano manufacturers, was given the third seat in the jury-box. He lives at 454 West Forty-fourth street and 220 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

BIG AND LITTLE GOT DRUNK.

Liquor Plenty Yesterday in Spite of the Order to Close Saloons.

In spite of the alleged rigid enforcement of the Excise law yesterday there was more than the usual amount of drunkenness in the city.

George Finn, a telegraph operator, of 301 Henry street, was found at 3 o'clock this morning at East Broadway and Montgomery street by Policeman Ryan, of the Madison street station.

Finn was unconscious, and there was a dose out of his left eye.

Ryan called an ambulance and Finn was taken to Gouverneur Hospital. He reported to the doctor that he had fallen while intoxicated and received a scalp wound.

It was found that Finn had a fracture of the base of the skull, and that his condition was critical. He died at 5:15 o'clock, without having regained consciousness.

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Bridge Doran, forty-five years old, was found intoxicated in front of 48 East Twenty-second street, and was taken to the East Twenty-second street police station, where it was necessary to remove him to Bellevue Hospital at 1 o'clock this morning.

James Doran, a twelve-year-old boy, found intoxicated on the street last night, showed all the old familiar signs of being drunk, and was taken to the Tombs this morning.

In the first place, he was ashamed of himself, and he was ashamed of his parents, and he was ashamed of his friends, and he was ashamed of his country.

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ESCAPE OF A CONVICT.

Ten-Year-Man Mitchell Gets Away from Sing Sing.

Poses of Deputies Are Scouring the Country for Him.

He Is Desperate and May Not Be Taken Alive.

SING SING, June 11.—Charles Mitchell, a convict, escaped from Sing Sing prison this morning.

He was employed with a gang of convicts in the ice-house outside of the prison walls.

It was a considerable start on the officers, as it was not discovered that he was missing from the gang until some time after he got away.

Chief Keeper Connaughton, as soon as he learned of the escape, sent out a posse of deputies to scour the surrounding country for the fugitive.

Convict Mitchell is known as a desperate character and has served several terms of imprisonment for various offenses.

He was serving a term of ten years. Some think that he will not be recaptured alive.

WERNER GIRL REPORTED DEAD.

Her Clothing Was Set Afire by a Coal from the "L."

It Dropped on Her as She Was Returning from Church.

A report reached Brooklyn Police Headquarters this morning that Frances Werner, fourteen years old, of 12 Crescent street, East New York, who was horribly burned yesterday afternoon, by a hot coal from an engine on the Union Elevated Railroad, was dead.

The girl had attended church yesterday morning and received her first communion. She was attired in a pretty white costume. Shortly after 3 o'clock she was crossing Crescent street, near Jardine place, when a train on the "L" raked the fire, as a hot coal fell upon the child, instantly her clothing caught fire.

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CAPT. PRICE ON TRIAL.

Before the Commissioners Charged with Neglect of Duty.

"The Evening World" Exposed the 31st Street Gambling-House.

Reporter Sullivan Testifies to Playing Roulette There.

The trial of Police Captain James K. Price, of the West Thirty-seventh street police station, for neglect of duty in failing to suppress a gambling house at 345 West Thirty-first street, was begun before the Police Board at 11 o'clock this morning.

The attention of the police authorities was first called to the place by "The Evening World" on Saturday, June 2. It had been doing a flourishing business, and its class of patrons was of the kind that gambling-houses like to encourage, and which can only be attracted where there is some assurance of immunity from arrest.

Capt. Price was said to be ignorant of the existence of the place, but "The Evening World" had known of it for some time, and had no difficulty in discovering its real character.

This was one of the places supposed to have a pull, and the supposition was based upon the suspicion that Alderman Charles Parks, of the Thirteenth District, was the owner of the property.

Mr. Sullivan said that Sullivan had not yet appeared, and called a process server to show that efforts had been made to get him. Lawyer Grant began to ask questions, and he and Mr. Blandy continued, where they saw a roulette wheel. A man called Myers was sitting there, provided with checks and began to play roulette.

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Another Big Gold Export.

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Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co. will ship \$1,000,000 gold on the steamship Spree, sailing for Europe to-morrow.

Hankers look for some heavy shipments during the current week, owing to the continued scarcity of bills and the fact that the foreigners are willing to pay a premium for the gold they order.

Fireman's House on Fire.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., June 11.—A gasoline stove this morning set fire to the residence of Robert Mosher, in Sixth avenue, this city. Mr. Mosher, who is a fireman, succeeded in saving his family, but was badly burned about the hands and face.

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